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By Philip R. Dillon.

Many editors and publishers outside of New York State, New Jerscy and Connecticut, may not have more emotion over the election of Hearst, Gaynor or Bannard as mayor of New York than over a fight between Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson. This is not minimizing the New York affair.

The New York political campaign has developed a newspaper situation, the like of which has not been chronicled in the history of the nation, nor of all nations. This is a matter which directly concerns all editors and publishers of the nation.

Judge Gaynor, the Democratic candidate, is being supported by the New York World, the Evening World, and the New York Pressthe last named a Republican paper. The Brooklyn Eagle has leaned slightly to Judge Gaynor.

William R. Hearst is supported by the New York American and the Evening Journal, and also by the German papers owned by Mr.

All the other dailies in the city, with varying degrees of earnestness, are supporting Otto Bannard, the Republican or so-called "Fusion" candidate-

By common consent, the Journal and the Evening World are the centenders for the championship of the New York afternoon field. 'Arthur Brisbane edits and manages the Journal. It is said that he is paid \$50,000 a year for this work. Neither Mr. Brisbane nor Mr. Hearst has ever authorized any statement of the salary figures.

For some time past, Joseph Pulitzer has been giving nearly all hi attention to the Evening World. He has no great star like Brisbane, by Joseph Pulitzer in a confidential capacity. Mr. Pulitzer felt and but he has gathered a splendid staff, a great stock company, so to

The fight between these giants, the Journal and the Evening World, for supremacy, during the past year, has been the fairest fight New York has ever seen. Never a word of abuse, directed at the rival, has been printed in either paper.

Two weeks ago an extraordinary thing happened, the whole city was startled, yet the newspapers did not treat it as a news event. Here is the dialogue that one heard everywhere, as the saying is:

"Have you seen the Evening World?"

"What about?"

"Brisbane is writing Hearst articles in the World!"

"Has Pulitzer sold out?"-with astonishment,

"No-o"-puzzled-

There was an enormous demand for Evening Worlds, and they read, in black type, at the top of the second page, this statement:

the Municipal Campaign were offered FREE OF CHARGE to Mr. Bannard, the Republican nominee; Chas. F. Murphy and Daniel Cobalan of Tammany Hall, Herbert Parsons, the chairman of the Republicn County Committee, and Arthur Brisbane, representing Mr. Hearst Mr. Brisbane has been a daily contributor. Mr. Parsons has written one article thus far. The Evening World aims to be the forum of all parties. The offer is still open to the leaders named.

Then they turned to the heading-"Arthur Brisbane Writes for the Evening World on Mr. Hearst's Campaign," and under it, in italics,

the New York City campaign. I appreciate Mr. Pulitzer's courtesy, cratic candidate's militant independence. end need not say that neither he nor The World is responsible for any statement in this column. --

'And now the second page of the Evening World is the tournament field where champions battle marvelously, and many have been unhorsed. 'At this writing, Brisbane is the Sir Launcelot of the game, for no knight hath yet kept his seat and held his pen whole throughout a jousting with the Hearst champion. On Tuesday of this week there entered the lists Ollo Ogden, editor of the New York Evening Post, a knight famed for skill in thrust and buffet. He jousts with Brisbane and with the Tammany knights, being with the party of Bannard, and some liken him to Sir Tristram. There is also Sir Daniel Cohalan, formerly the editor of the Gaelic 'American and a classy jouser, now the chief adviser of King Murphy of Tammany. It were invidious to go farther into Round Table precedent.

In the meantime, the business management of the Evening World Indarios of othe site a and

poster 10 feet high and 20 feet long, stating thus;

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"What d'ye know about that!"

Does the public of New York know that all this is a well planned legitimate business coup by the management of the Evening World? Not yet. The public hasn't had time to draw its breadth between surprising happenings in this campaign.

The World and the Evening World, in the editorial columns, give Judge Gaynor strong support. But the Judge is less cognizant of obvious things than the rivals. So Judge Gaynor read one of Mr. Brisbanes' articles in The Evening World, which harpooned Gaynor, and that night in a public speech in Tammany Hall, he uttered the

Why, he (Hearst) even hires the columns of other newspapers at enormous rates, and hires reporters to puff him up for pay.

What would the people of New York think of me, or of one of my associates if we hired a column in a newspaper, and then hired a 50,000 a year writer to puff us up from day to day, openly and avowedly, before the whole world?

BRISBANE EXPLAINS.

The public gasped again when it read Gaynor's open charge against Mr. Pulitzer. Next day, nearly every paper in the city indignantly resented the insult to the proprietor of the World. The editors of the World and Evening World quietly denied the Gaynor charge, but consistently kept on in support of Gaynor.

Brisbane, in his own editorial column in the Journal, printed the ollowing explanation of his connection with the Evening Worldhe is referring to himself as a "former employee' of Mr. Pulitzer:

These are facts: One of the writers of the Evening Journal was formerly employe

showed real friendship for this man. Recently Mr. Pulitzer's former employee sent him a cablegram ask-

ing as a favor that he be allowed to write in the Evening World advocating the election of W. R. Hearst, This request was referred to those to whom Mr. Pulitzer has dele-

gated the management of his newspaper on account of his own illness, and the suggestion was accepted. It has always been the custom of the Evening World to give readers

the different sides of a public controversy, and the World very courtecusiy allows an employee of the Evening Journal to write politics for its columns from the Hearst point of view, Judge Gaynos repeated his charge in succeeding speeches. Still the

World and Evening World continued to point out his strong qualities and urged his election. But the public was convinced and a wave of sympathy near to admiration for the Pulitzer management swept over

Last Monday came the third act and climax in this topsy turvy dra-Judge Gaynor sued the Press Publishing Company-the World The Evening World's columns for the discussion of the issues of and Evening World-for ilbel, demanding \$100,000 damages! He accused the Evening World of printing a libelous article written by Arthur Brisbane!

The public was flabbergasted. That Gaynor should sue for libel his trongest friend, while passing unnoticed many bitter libels uttered others who openly dared him to sue them!

The World printed the facts about the libel suit, just as it printed routine news. Its editorial page, still supporting Gaynor, had the following editorial:

#### JUDGE GAYNOR'S INDEPENDENCE,

Judge Gaynor's libel suit against The World for the publication in its evening edition of one of Mr. Brisbane's entertaining articles in Mr. Pulitzer permits me to write for The Evening World concerning behalf of Mr. Hearst is to be accepted as further proof of the Demo-

If Judge Gaynor, in the midst of the campaign, brings suit against The World, whih is his chief newspaper supporter, we have high hope that as Mayor he would be equally conrageous in starting litigation The public of New York was surely amazed. They have kept on in the public interest. That kind of a man could bring all the taxbuying both the Journal and Evening World to read what Brisbane dodgers to time, collect the franchise taxes that the corporations have evaded for years and compel the traction companies to fulfill their contract obligations. That is what we want a Mayor to do.

New York needs a Mayor who is not afraid to start lawsuits against nything or anybody, and who will not be swerved by personal con-

derations of any sort. One of the minor curiosities of the campaign is the attitude of the New York Herald and the Evening Telegram. The name of Mr. Hearst has not been printed in either paper. In covering the news, the Herald and the Telegram refer to "both candidates," meaning Judge Gaynor and Mr. Bannard. The Hearst candidacy is ignored. Outside of New York it cannot be known how intensely the peronality of the newspapers has gripped the voters, and the women.

Beyond all this struggle for office and this urging of political beliefs, is a great movement, dim yet to the public, that will lift forward and pward the press of the nation. It may be that Joseph Pulitzer and William R. Hearst, bitterest rivals heretofore strenuous competitors always, shall be accepted finally as leaders of this movement.-Editor

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